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SUBJECT: TIKHONOV REPLACES NOVIKOV AS HEAD OF SOVIET SIDE OF  
FRG-USSR JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION

ACCORDING TO FRG EMBOFF, SOVIETS ADVISED GERMANS AT END  
OF 1975 THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER N.A. TIKHONOV WAS REPLACING  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER V. N. NOVIKOV AS HEAD OF SOVIET SIDE OF  
JOINT FRG-USSR ECONOMIC COMMISSION. NO EXPLANATION WAS OFFERED  
FOR THIS CHANGE, AND FRG EMBOFF TOLD COMMATT THAT GERMANS WERE  
NOT INCLINED TO ATTRIBUTE ANY PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO SHIFT, HE  
NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT TIKHONOV HAS TO DATE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR  
SOVIET BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH GDR AND SAID IT WOULD BE  
INTERESTING TO SEE WHETHER TIKHONOV RETAINED HIS PRIOR  
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GDR IN ADDITION TO HIS NEW ROLE IN FRG-USSR  
ECONOMIC RELATIONS. TIKHONOV'S FIRST MAJOR PARTICIPATION IN FRG-  
USSR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL COME AT END OF MARCH, WHEN JOINT  
ECONOMIC COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN MOSCOW.

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